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Erwin Knieling, et al.

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE  
STERILIZATION OF PACKAGING  
CONTAINERS

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### STATUS INQUIRY

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Dear Sir:

Please note that, on November 19, 2003, the PTO informed Applicants that the above-mentioned application would be examined in 3-6 months. As of today's date, no Office Action has been received. Thus, please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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